Sikkim and for upgradation of Nagpur Airport as a multi-model international passenger and cargo hub.

(b) Air India has provided a total outlay of 2661.39 crores during the Tenth Five Year Plan period which includes an outlay of Rs. 1623.50 crores for repayment of aircraft loans, Rs. 277.89 crores towards acquisition of two A-310-300 leased aircraft and Rs. 750 crores for non-aircraft projects. Indian Airlines has provided an outlay of Rs. 3166.90 crores for aricraft schemes and Rs. 1073.60 crores for other supporting facilities. Airports Authority of India has provided an outlay of Rs. 500 crores for construction of new terminal buildings, Rs. 220 crores for expansion of terminal buildings, Rs. 110 crores for development of new civil enclaves, Rs. 580 crores for construction, extension and strengthening of runways and associated pavements, etc. at various airports. These schemes are at various stages of progress.

International Airport at Bodh Gaya

639. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new International Airport has been developed at Bodh Gaya;

(b) whether any such airport is also likely to be developed in other Buddhist centres to boost local economy; and

(c) whether the project at Bodh Gaya has been financed by foreign assistance, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The existing airport at Gaya, 6 Km. from Bodh Gaya, has been developed for operation upto AB-320 type of aircraft. Customs and Immigration facilities are also available there.

(b) Varanasi Airport in the State of Uttar Pradesh is being developed, and runway is being strengthened and extended to 9000 feet for operation of AB-300 Aircraft and work is being awarded shortly for construction of a new terminal building.

(c) No, Sir.